Indo-Pak Relations

133. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the achievements of Prime Minister's visit to Pakistan for friendly relations between India and Pakistan in political, diplomatic and trade fields have improved after the change in power in Pakistan recently;

(b) what are the details of talks held between the Prime Ministers of both the countries in this regard; and

(c) what are the details of actions taken by India in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TEWARI): (a) to (c) P.M.'s discussions with Prime Minister Mrs. Benazir Bhutto during his recent visit to Pakistan have opened up possibilities for establishment of an improved and mutually beneficial India-Pakistan relationship, based on sovereign equality and non interference in each others' internal affairs. During the visit itself the following bilateral agreements were signed :

(1) Agreement on the Prohibition of Attack against Nuclear installations and facilities.

(2) Cultural Cooperation Agreement

(3) Agreement on the Avoidance of Double Taxation on Income derived from International Air Transport.

It was further agreed to maintain a close dialogue between the two countries at various levels on a wide range of issues in order to accelerate the normalisation process.

Earnings of Railways

134. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total estimated amount of earnings of Railways through freight and parcel charges, during the current financial year, zone-wise;

(b) what are the corresponding figures of earnings of Railways through freight and parcel charges during 1986-87 and 1987-88, zone-wise; and

(c) what is the total volume of goods carried by railways in wagons during the current financial year and corresponding figures of the last two financial years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Estimates for parcel earnings are not separately fixed but are included in other coaching earnigns. Figures of other coaching earnings and Goods Earnings for years 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89 (estimates) are given in the statement attached as Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 6].

(c) Total volume of goods carried by railways during first ten months of the current financial year and corresponding period of last two years is given in the statement attached as Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 7].

Border Issue with China

135. SHRI P. N. SUKUL:
SHRI D.B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a joint working group was set up during the recent visit of Prime Minister to China to study the border issue between the two countries;